

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

November 19, 2012 – 6:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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Present: Chad Mitchell, Chairman
Carl Ford, Vice-Chairman
Jon Barber, Member
Raymond Coltrain, Member
Jim Sides, Member

County Manager Gary Page, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Mitchell convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sides provided the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Ford moved, Commissioner Barber seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2012 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

- Commissioner Ford moved to pull item #10 from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed 3-2 with Commissioners Barber and Coltrain dissenting.
- Commissioner Sides made a motion to remove item #11 from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford and failed 2-3 with Commissioners Mitchell, Barber and Coltrain dissenting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Ford seconded and the vote to approve the agenda as amended passed unanimously.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Accept Staff's Recommendation for Selection of Salisbury Community Development Corporation (CDC) as the Housing Programs Administrator and Authorize County Manager to Negotiate a Contract with CDC to Include Signatures of the Chair and/or Finance Director As Necessary
- B. EMS Division Ambulance Purchase for FY 2013
- C. Memorandum of Agreement Between Rowan County and Cleveland Community Fire Department for West Rowan Ambulance Station

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Mitchell skipped item #2 momentarily in the order of discussion. The Board came back to this topic at 6:24 p.m.

Chairman Mitchell surprised Representative Fred Steen by calling him forward for special recognition. The announcement was followed by a round of applause. Representative Steen's wife, son and parents were in attendance for the surprise.

Chairman Mitchell said Representative Steen had represented Rowan County's citizens in the General Assembly for many years. Chairman Mitchell then read a Resolution honoring Representative Steen as follows:

WHEREAS, Representative Fred F. Steen, II is recognized as an outstanding member of the House of Representatives with concern and devotion to the citizens of the great State of North Carolina and particularly for the citizens of Rowan County; *and*

WHEREAS, before becoming a member of the House of Representatives, Fred Steen was elected and served as Mayor for the Town of Landis from 1995 to 2004; *and*

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Representative Steen has shown his commitment to public service through membership in the Kannapolis Rotary Club, Landis Lions Club, he served as past president of the Rowan Municipal Association, past board member of the Elizabeth H. Dole Chapter of the American Red Cross, and past board member for the Kannapolis Southern Select Community Credit Union; *and*

WHEREAS, Representative Steen's community service extends beyond his political career through his religious belief and through his devotion to serving God as a lifetime member of First Baptist Church in Kannapolis and as member of Gideon's International, Rowan-South Camp.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its gratitude and appreciation to Representative Fred Steen for making lasting contributions for the betterment of the citizens of Rowan County.

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Sides seconded and the vote to approve the Resolution as presented passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ford thanked Representative Steen for his service to Rowan County and to the State of North Carolina. Commissioner Ford said that both, as a sitting county commissioner and as a citizen, Representative Steen had always been accessible to him. Commissioner Ford said Representative Steen had done a fantastic job and he asked God's blessing on Representative Steen as he continued in his endeavors.

Commissioner Sides said Representative Steen had proven to be a friend to the citizens of Rowan County and had always been available to answer questions and respond to emails. Commissioner Sides said he would always remember Representative Steen's work in getting annexation laws changed.

Commissioner Coltrain thanked Representative Steen for being a person and not a politician throughout his years of service. Commissioner Coltrain expressed appreciation to Representative Steen for the example he had set for the politicians.

Commissioner Barber thanked Representative Steen for his service and for doing a great job for Rowan County. Commissioner Barber felt Representative Steen's success could be attributed to his loving and supportive family.

Chairman Mitchell thanked Representative Steen's family noting that it took a lot of support to provide the kind of service Representative Steen had been able to offer.

Representative Steen said the recognition had come as a surprise. He continued by saying it had been an honor to serve and he could not have done so without his family and the support of the community. Representative Steen said he would support Commissioner Ford (newly elected to the House of Representatives) every step of the way. Representative Steen encouraged the Board to continue to work hard for Rowan County and he added that it was great to see the Board working to bring jobs to the County. Representative Steen said, "It has been a good ride." Representative Steen said he had been caught off guard by the Board's special recognition and he concluded by stating, "This is my county and my home and always will be."

Chairman Mitchell presented Representative Steen with the Resolution. The presentation was followed by a round of applause and a standing ovation.

Chairman Mitchell said he had the utmost faith in Commissioner Ford as he moved on to Raleigh to continue his service.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Mitchell opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. The following individuals came forward:

- Melanie Earle said on November 6, 2012 the citizens had elected two (2) new members to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) and three (3) new members to the Board of Education (BOE). Ms. Earle felt the discussion pertaining to a new central office for Rowan Salisbury School System should be tabled until all newly elected members had taken office.
- John Bare concurred with Melanie Earle's comments and agreed discussions for the central office should be tabled until all new members had received the information.
- Dorothy Earle felt the citizens would be best served by tabling the central office issue and allowing discussions to resume when the new BOC members were sworn in.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the Public Comment Period.

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROJECT OAK

Rowan County Economic Development Director Robert Van Geons presented the Economic Impact Analysis for the potential establishment of Gildan Activewear in Rowan County. Also, attending the meeting was Chuck Ward, Vice President of Integration.

The proposed project would represent approximately \$55 million of investment in the County of which \$47 million would be in new equipment and real property improvements. The project would bring approximately 200 jobs to Rowan County with an average wage of \$34,300 per year.

Mr. Ward said state and local support would be an important factor in the decision making process.

Mr. Van Geons said the Company was the leading activewear brand in the printwear market in the United States and Canada with increasing sales worldwide. Mr. Van Geons said the Company was seeking a new facility to expand its yarn spinning operation in order to meet growing demands. Mr. Van Geons said the Company was considering two (2) sites in North Carolina and two other states for the operation. Gildan had expressed an interest in purchasing the PGT Windows building at 2121 Heilig Road.

Mr. Van Geons reported that the proposal substantially exceeded the investment criteria for a Level I Grant under the County's adopted Investment Grant Program. Due to the number of jobs created, the potential for future expansion and the inducements offered by competing communities, Project Oak was requesting an additional sixth year of assistance, as opposed to the Program's five-year grant. Mr. Van Geons said the Company had agreed to have 100% of the jobs and investment in place at the time the Company requested the incentive.

Commissioner Sides said he was excited at the possibility of Gildan coming to Rowan County and creating 200 jobs with competitive wages.

Commissioner Sides referred to item #3 pertaining to the Level I Grant and said the investment did not exceed the criteria but it did exceed the Level 1 minimum.

Commissioner Sides said he appreciated the Company's consideration and he expressed hope the Company would choose Rowan County for its new location. Commissioner Sides explained that he was opposed to incentives and would therefore be voting against the request.

Commissioner Barber discussed the need for job creation and what Gildan could add to the County's tax base.

Commissioner Coltrain expressed appreciation to Mr. Ward for the Company's consideration of Rowan County.

Commissioner Ford thanked Mr. Ward and the Company for its consideration of Rowan County. Commissioner Ford thanked Mr. Ward especially for the textile business.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed incentive. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Barber moved to approve the request as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain and carried 4-1 with Commissioner Sides dissenting.

(At this point in the meeting, Chairman Mitchell reverted back to item #2 for discussion).

5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2014 TARGETED TRANSIT ASSISTANCE GRANT

Rowan Transit System (RTS) Director Gary Price reported that the Public Transportation Division of the NC Department of Transportation (DOT) had released applications for the FY 2014 Targeted Transit Assistance Grant. The

grants have a 2-year period of performance, which is July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. Mr. Price said the DOT had encouraged RTS to apply for the grant programs in an effort to utilize more federal funding as the County's Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grants might see additional cuts. Mr. Price said current state-funded grant dollars and contract revenue could be used for most of the 50% local match. The grant would be used as follows:

- Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (EDTAP) – If awarded, these funds would be used to maintain current levels of service as the County faces increased fuel prices and possible cuts to ROAP funds. Contract revenue and (ROAP) state funds would be used for the match - \$670,000
- Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program – The funds would be used for Rowan Express. ROAP and RGP funds, fares and local agreements with municipalities would be used for the 50% match. Funds are available for capital, planning and operating expenses that support the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to meet the intent of the program. Mr. Price said Rowan County would only seek operating expenses - \$480,000

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the FY 2014 Targeted Transit Assistance Grant. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to adopt the Resolution as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2014 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Rowan Transit System (RTS) Director Gary Price said the North Carolina Public Transportation Division was accepting Community Transportation Program (CTP) applications for FY 2014. Mr. Price said the County would be applying for the following:

- Administration – requesting \$189,997; \$161,496 or 85% grant and \$28,501 or 15% County match.
- Capital Equipment – requesting \$45,400; \$40,860 or 90% grant and \$4,540 or 10% County match.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the FY 2014 CTP application. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Ford moved to adopt the CTP Resolution authorizing the County Manager as the authorized official to make the necessary federal and state assurances and certification on application documents with empowerment to

enter into subsequent NCDOT grant agreements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed unanimously.

Chairman Mitchell called for a recess at 6:37 p.m.

Chairman Mitchell reconvened the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Chairman Mitchell took a moment to recognize Hunter Collins, a member of Boy Scout Troop #433 from Saint John's Lutheran Church. Mr. Collins was working towards his Eagle Scout Award.

7. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZTA 02-12

Planning and Development Director Ed Muire said Section 17-27 of the Rowan County Code of Ordinances established the Rowan County Planning Board with eleven (11) members. Mr. Muire said a majority of the Commission had suggested reducing the membership of the Planning Board to nine (9) members.

Mr. Muire said the accompanying ordinance text reflected the proposed change with proposed text appearing in ***bold italics*** and text for deletion appearing as ~~strikethroughs~~.

Commissioner Coltrain asked if the nine members would represent all areas of the County if the text amendments were to pass. Mr. Muire responded by saying the board members were selected by an application process and the Commission voting on the members. Mr. Muire said that from a Staff perspective there was no direct solicitation in the process. Mr. Muire echoed that he hoped the County would be generally represented.

Commissioner Coltrain said it would be critical to make certain all areas of the County were involved as the County's population continued to grow.

Chairman Mitchell questioned Section 17-27 under Article II, Item C, "members may be appointed to successive terms without limitations". Chairman Mitchell said the statement seemed to be in direct contradiction to County policy.

Mr. Muire said he had not noticed the contradiction but the rules of procedure mirrored what the Commissioners had established for other appointed boards.

Chairman Mitchell felt that if the Board were to pass the proposed text amendments, Item C should be stricken.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive citizen input regarding ZTA 02-12. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sides moved to approve ZTA 02-12 with the change of deleting Item C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford and carried unanimously.

8. AWARD OF CORPORATE HANGAR BIDS AND PROJECT BUDGET APPROVAL (CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2012)

Carl Ellington with Talbert and Bright, Inc (TBI) recalled that during regular session on November 5, 2012, the Board had delayed a decision regarding award of the corporate hangar bids and project budget approval. The delay was to allow TBI additional time to negotiate a price to add a foam fire suppression system to the new proposed hangar bid. Mr. Ellington said the project budget was \$1.6 million with funding in the amount of \$550,000 in State grants. The balance of \$1,050,000 would be paid from County funds.

Mr. Ellington said bids had been received for the base project along with alternates. The low bid of \$1,156,954 was from KMD Construction. Mr. Ellington recommended for the Board to move forward with the corporate hangar and to bid out the foam fire suppression system at a later date.

Commissioner Sides said he was ready for the project to proceed and he then made a motion to award the project to the low bidder and to approve the attached budget amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford.

Chairman Mitchell pointed out that the motion was to award the base bid including alternates but did not include the foam suppression system.

Commissioner Coltrain questioned putting in the suppression system at a later date and Commissioner Sides explained that it was not the County's intent to proceed without considering the suppression system. Commissioner Sides said the County was separating the bid in order to obtain a competitive bid at possibly a lower price.

Commissioner Coltrain called Airport Director Thad Howell forward and asked him how many times over a one-year period he received requests for people to store aircraft for 2 to 3 months. Mr. Howell said he had received two (2) inquiries in the last five (5) months.

Commissioner Coltrain asked Mr. Howell how often he received requests for overnight storage. Mr. Howell responded approximately two (2) to four (4) times per month. Mr. Howell felt the County was handicapped by not having the corporate hangar.

Commissioner Barber said he had always understood the economic value of the hangar and that he supported the Airport Master Plan approved by the Board

several years ago. Commissioner Barber said he had not agreed with other board members on the process used to get the hangar to this point.

Commissioner Barber discussed monies taken from the County's Fund Balance for the hangar project, as well as other projects. Commissioner Barber said taking money from the Fund Balance could take away from other projects that might be needed down the road.

Commissioner Barber inquired as to whether the County could maintain its bond rating if the County took money from the Fund Balance to pay for the hangar project. County Manager Gary Page responded that as of today, the County had \$17 million in unrestricted Fund Balance. Mr. Page said the County's bond rating would not be affected.

Commissioner Barber asked if there was a way for the Board to fund the project, such as with the ¼ cent sales tax (currently used for the 911 Center and new satellite jail) as opposed to taking money from the Fund Balance. Commissioner Barber said if there was no other way to fund the new hangar, he would vote to support paying for the hangar from unrestricted Fund Balance.

Commissioner Coltrain agreed with Commissioner Barber and said he hoped the new Board would realize it was elected to serve the people and that it should do what the people wanted when managing the County's financial affairs.

Commissioner Ford said there were several ways the hangar project could be funded, such as fairgrounds revenue and stadium revenues. Commissioner Ford said jets that would be housed in the proposed hangar would also help pay for the hangar. Commissioner Ford said there was no way he would vote to change how the sales tax was being spent.

Commissioner Sides felt the proposed hangar was a wise project and said he would allow the County Manager to decide where the funds were to come from.

After further discussion and upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

9. PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR PROPOSED NEW CENTRAL OFFICE FOR ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Chairman Mitchell reviewed a timeline prepared by the County Manager, Gary Page, concerning the Rowan-Salisbury School System (RSSS) Central Office project.

Gene Miller, Assistant Superintendent of the Rowan-Salisbury School System (RSSS), presented an update regarding the proposed new RSSS central office plans. Mr. Miller said RSSS had been working with Bill Burgin of Ramsey, Burgin and Smith Architects, to negotiate a bid with Summit Developers, Inc. within the

\$6 million commitment approved by the Board of Commissioners (BOC) in January of 2012.

Mr. Miller referred to the information in the agenda packets regarding the bidding results, recommendation of bids and elevation pictures of the new building, copy of the Salisbury Post article stating that the City of Salisbury pledged a clean site for the central office, floor plans for the proposed three story building and an example of a financing plan provided by the Rowan County Finance Department.

Mr. Miller said the yearly payments for the first three years would be handled through the two (2) half-cent sales tax revenues along with the cost savings from consolidation of the offices (approximately \$200,000 per year). Mr. Miller said the seven (7) remaining years would be paid with proceeds available after completion of the 1992 bond debt.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to set the public hearing for December 3, 2012 to keep the project moving. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber.

Chairman Mitchell said the earliest time to hold the public hearing would be 5:00 p.m. to which Commissioner Coltrain was agreeable.

Chairman Mitchell said there was a motion and second to set the public hearing for December 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sides stated that in the base bid of \$6,334,000 there was no breakdown of what was covered. Mr. Bill Burgin, representing Ramsey, Burgin, and Smith Architects, answered that it was a building of 48,818 square feet.

Commissioner Sides asked how much of the \$6 million was materials and how much was labor. Mr. Burgin responded that in the bid taking, the figure was taken as a lump sum and he did not have the breakdown. Mr. Burgin said he could say from experience the materials would be approximately 40% of the cost with the labor about 60%. Mr. Burgin stated the percentages were a little conservative with trying to anticipate the sales tax coming back to the County. Commissioner Sides inquired as to what had been spent to date on the project and Mr. Burgin estimated \$450,000.

Commissioner Sides asked where the money had come from and Mr. Miller responded the funds had come from the capital outlay budget. Commissioner Sides questioned the term capital outlay and asked if any of the funds had come from the fund balance. Mr. Miller replied that the funds were in the capital outlay budget this year with \$460,000 going for architectural fees. Mr. Miller said the only monies that RSSS received were the two (2) ½ cent sales taxes. Mr. Miller said there was no money put into the capital outlay budget from the County; it all came from sales tax money.

Commissioner Sides asked if the capital outlay was money that was anticipated being used for any capital expenses at any of the schools or any of the County buildings that were owned or was it money set aside only for the central office. Mr. Miller said the money was set aside only for this purpose.

Commissioner Sides went on to state that \$100,000 of the \$334,000 would come back from sales tax, leaving \$234,000. Commissioner Sides said that it was stated previously the money would be taken from the capital outlay and now it was being stated that \$100,000 would be coming from sales tax. Commissioner Sides asked where the other \$234,000 would be coming from. Mr. Miller said another \$100,000 was in the budget this year designated for the construction of the building, leaving \$134,000 to come from the capital outlay fund balance. Mr. Miller stated it would be budgeted in next year's budget.

Commissioner Sides asked whether the debt service payments intended to be made on the loan would come from capital outlay funds and Mr. Miller said yes. Commissioner Sides questioned the use of the capital outlay funds asking if they were designated for any capital need, with Mr. Miller responding they were.

Commissioner Sides said a list was provided to the Board in January with over \$109 million worth of capital needs and he asked what was being done to address existing schools that needed work. Commissioner Sides said he was afraid the BOE was borrowing from the future by not doing capital work at existing schools in order to pay for the office building.

Mr. Miller explained that the capital outlay budget this year was approximately \$4.5 to \$5 million and all but \$464,000, plus \$100,000, would go towards repairs and upkeep of the schools. Mr. Miller said the BOE was doing all things needed to keep up the schools.

Commissioner Sides went on to say that in the 2011 budget request, each school was listed individually with capital needs totaling approximately \$29 million. Commissioner Sides said that if the BOE had waited until 2016, the BOE would have been able to spend the money on the capital needs in the other schools, which would affect the children and not the administrators.

Commissioner Sides said the central office discussions had been contentious for many years. Commissioner Sides felt the school system needed a central office; however, he said the issue should wait until the newly elected Commissioners and Board of Education members had taken office and were given the opportunity to consider the matter.

Chairman Mitchell said there was a motion to set the public hearing for December 3, 2012. Chairman Mitchell said he wanted to point out that a public hearing on December 3rd did not preclude any possibility that Commissioner Sides had brought up. Chairman Mitchell went on to state that with the delay

between the potential approval after the public hearing and the thirty (30) day wait period before the Local Government Commission (LGC) could hear the application, both the new BOC elect and the BOE elect would be sworn in. Chairman Mitchell said on the school board side, there could potentially be a request not to make the application, and on the BOC side the project could potentially be stopped altogether, or stopped at the proposed location.

Commissioner Ford held up a notebook, which he said was a compilation of information from the past four (4) years of meetings where the central office had been discussed. Commissioner Ford said numerous locations had been considered. Commissioner Ford recalled one (1) location was at the bus garage located on Old Concord Road; however, he said the BOE committee members did not find the location acceptable. Commissioner Ford said it had been a mistake for the committee to discuss the matter; he felt the central office discussions should have been held between the full Board of Commissioners and the full BOE, as well as aired on television. Commissioner Ford said the committee meeting had been contentious. Commissioner Ford stated that he would vote against setting the public hearing. Commissioner Ford concluded by saying he felt the public had spoken on the issue by electing new BOE members.

Commissioner Ford went on to ask when the cleanup would start on the downtown site. Mr. Burgin responded that the City of Salisbury (City) was in the process of collecting informal bids. Mr. Burgin said the cleanup could take up to three (3) weeks, depending on the DENR requirements.

Commissioner Barber expressed appreciation to Mr. Miller and Mr. Burgin, as well as the BOE for their work on the proposed central office project. Commissioner Barber stated the motion would not prohibit the new BOC or the new BOE from being engaged or asking for opinions. Commissioner Barber said all that was being asked was for the process to continue to move forward. Commissioner Barber said the bid delays and the impact of those delays were significant. Commissioner Barber said this issue was also about jobs. Commissioner Barber had no doubt that the City of Salisbury would take care of the contamination issues.

Upon being put to a vote the motion on the floor passed 3-2 with Commissioners Ford and Sides dissenting.

Mr. Page said there would be questions as to whether the clean up of the site had been completed and the deed been transferred to the County. Mr. Page said the County would need to own the property as collateral for the loan. Mr. Page said if the loan closing was on or about January 15, 2013 the County would need to have the deed in place. Mr. Page said if the bank agreed to accept only a letter verifying the cleanup was being done, it would be fine if the cleanup was not completed.

10. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO MODIFY PERSONNEL POLICY REGARDING COMPENSATION TIME FOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

This item was deleted from the agenda.

11. CONSIDER PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 2-209 OF THE ROWAN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

Commissioner Coltrain discussed Section 2-209 of the Rowan County Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Coltrain felt the revisions previously made to the section on January 4, 2010 provided the chairman of the board of commissioners the sole authority to decide which topics were placed on the meeting agenda. Commissioner Coltrain felt the current language created the perception the County had only one commissioner who determined the topics to be discussed at the Board of Commissioners' meetings.

Commissioner Coltrain reviewed the suggested revisions. Commissioner Coltrain then moved to approve the proposed text amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber.

Chairman Mitchell said neither the Chairman nor the County Manager sets the agenda but rather the Board adopts the agenda. Chairman Mitchell said under the current rules the Chairman proposes the agenda. Chairman Mitchell said he did not feel the Board stifled discussion; however, there were times when items were moved to the next meeting. Chairman Mitchell felt who served as Chairman should have authority to propose an agenda.

Commissioner Coltrain respectfully disagreed and said he felt the text should be changed.

Commissioner Ford said he did not want to change policy for an incoming board. Commissioner Ford said he also did not want to listen to someone "pontificate" during meetings when the Board was not being asked to take action. Commissioner Ford said three (3) board members could always add an item to the agenda and he felt the text as currently written was fine.

Commissioner Sides said he could not recall one time during the ten (10) years he had served as a county commissioner that he had not been able to have an item placed on the agenda.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor failed 2-3 with Commissioners Mitchell, Ford, and Sides dissenting.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick presented the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Finance – To recognize reserved funds from FY 2012 for Emergency Services - \$119
- Finance – To appropriate fund balance for the purchase of an ambulance for the new West Rowan EMS Station - \$120,000
- Health – Funding for increased opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity in low-resource communities by contracting with the City of Salisbury and Salisbury Parks and Recreation to construct a community garden - \$6,826
- Finance – Budget revenues and expenditures for the balance of 2011 Justice Assistance Grant program award for the Sheriff's Department - \$3,802
- Finance – Appropriate reserve funds to increase the health insurance monthly stipend for Soil and Water employee based on a 2% increase in annual salary - \$720
- Social Services – Revised expenditure and revenue line items based on funding authorization received from the State - \$1,468

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Ford moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board/
Assistant to the County Manager